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Application No. 10/624,861  
Applicant: Paul Cancilla

Attorney's Docket No. 23-0419/30730

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Paul Cancilla )  
Serial No.: 10/624,861 )  
Filed: July 21, 2003 )  
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1. I hereby petition to exempt applicant from payment of extension of time fees in the amount of \$1,080.00 for the response due in the above-identified case, on the basis that the Office Action was not received. This petition is being submitted with a response to the Office Action during the five-month period for response under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

2. I hereby state:

- (a) The Office Action indicated, as mailed on October 11, 2005, was not received.
- (b) A search of the file jacket and the docket records in my office indicates that this Office Action was not received.

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3. As additional evidence of non-receipt of the Office Action, I also attach:

- (a) A printout of the computer record for the applicant's application file on the computer database of my office. The computer record printout shows the areas of the database where the mailing date, receipt date, and response due date for the Office Action would have been entered had it been received in my office. (Exhibit "A")
- (b) A copy of the declaration that was originally filed in this application listing the correspondence address as "Kaardal and Associates". It is noted that the correspondence address in the declaration is not the home address of the applicant "PAUL CANCELLA". (Exhibit "B")
- (c) A copy of the Appointment of Power of Attorney and Submission of Change of Power of Attorney Document filed with the U.S. P.T.O. on March 1, 2004 bearing the notation "Official Received Central Fax Center Mar 01 2004" from the U.S.P.T.O. (Exhibit "C")
- (d) A copy of the Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney mailed from the U.S.P.T.O. on March 24, 2004. (Exhibit "D")
- (e) A copy of the first page of the pending Office Action mailed October 11, 2005, which indicates that, despite the submission of the above documents and the "Notice of Acceptance" in item (d), the Office Action was mailed to the applicant's (incorrect) home address. (Exhibit "E")

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(f) A copy of a document obtained from the private PAIR database, indicating that the International Priority Mail sent to the applicant's (incorrect) home address had been returned to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office. (Exhibit "F")

(g) A printout of the PAIR File History for this application is shown as Exhibit "G". There is an entry dated October 5, 2005 for "Correspondence Address Change". However, a printout of the "Image File Wrapper" for the patent application (Exhibit "H") shows that there is no paper in the IFW that corresponds to any "Correspondence Address Change" that was allegedly received on October 10, 2005. Neither the applicant nor the undersigned (nor, based upon the patent application file in possession of the undersigned, counsel previously representing the applicant) submitted any change of correspondence address on or about this date to the U.S.P.T.O.

4. In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the applicant be exempt from payment of extension of time fees, that the period for response to the Office Action of October 10, 2005 be restarted, and that the undersigned be notified of such restarted response period.

5. The Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3041 for any *necessary* fee for the consideration of this Petition.

Any questions or clarifications on this matter may be directed to the address and telephone number below.

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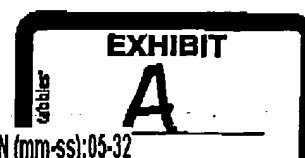
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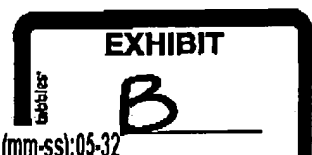
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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:



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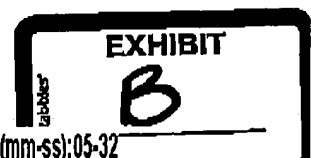
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Submitted herewith please find a document relating to a change in the power of attorney and correspondence address for the above-identified patent application.

Entry of the change indicated on the attached document is respectfully requested.

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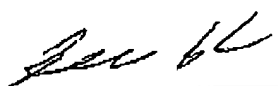


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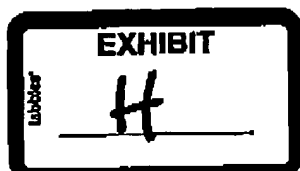
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